

TUOLUMNE CITY SANITARY DISTRICT
18050 BOX FACTORY ROAD
TUOLUMNE, CA 95379

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 5, 2026 at 6 PM

DIRECTORS PRESENT:	John Feriani, President/Chair Darrin Evans Jason Hart William Waters
DIRECTORS ABSENT:	Nick Ohler, Vice President/Chair
DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES:	Jeff Cooley, General Manager Brenda Bonillo, Office Manager/District Secretary Ben Kikugawa, CPO (via phone)
	One member of the public was present.

1. President Feriani called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

2. Public Forum: (3 minutes per item maximum)

No members of the public were present to speak, and no correspondence was received for review.

3. Consent Calendar (one motion to include the following):

- a) Approval of minutes – Regular Meeting held March 3, 2026
- b) Approval of warrants for the months of March & April 2026
- c) Review of FY 2025/2026 Profit & Loss Report

MOTION: Director Hart moved to approve items of the Consent Calendar as presented. Director Evans seconded, and the motion carries by the following vote:

Ayes: J. Feriani, D. Evans, J. Hart, and W. Waters (4)

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: N. Ohler

4. PUBLIC HEARING: Proposition 218 Rate Increase pursuant to Article XIII D, Section 6 of the California Constitution regarding proposed 6% increases to wastewater rates for Fiscal Years 2026/27 through 2030/31

- a. Open Public Hearing (limit 3 minutes per speaker)
- b. Rate Study Summary
- c. Close Public Hearing
- d. Tally Letters of Protest and announcement of results
- e. Board discussion and adoption of Resolution No. 2026-03

President Feriani opened the public hearing and provided a summary of proposed 6% increase.

President Feriani opened public comments. No comments were heard.

Mr. Cooley provided a summary of the rate study created by an independent consultant Robert D. Niehaus, Inc.

4. PUBLIC HEARING: Proposition 218 Rate Increase pursuant to Article XIII D, Section 6 of the California Constitution regarding proposed 6% increases to wastewater rates for Fiscal Years 2026/27 through 2030/31 – continued

President Feriani referred staff to confirm that all required Prop 218 notices were properly mailed at least 45 days in advance and summarize the status of any written protests received to date.

Staff confirmed notices were mailed to all record owners on March 12, 2026. We received 24 written protests out of 712 affected parcels to date. No additional protests were received at the public hearing. This does not constitute a majority protest.

Feriani stated the written protests do not constitute a majority. The board may now consider adopting the proposed rate adjustments, and asked for a motion.

MOTION: Director Hart moved to adopt Resolution No. 2026-03 approving the 5-year schedule of 6% annual sewer rate adjustments as detailed in the 2026 Sewer Rate Study dated March 10, 2026, with the first adjustment effective July 1, 2026, and subsequent annual adjustments on July 1 each following year through 2030/31. Director Evans seconded, and the motion carries by the following vote:

Ayes: J. Feriani, D. Evans, J. Hart, and W. Waters (4)
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: N. Ohler

5. Discussion/Action: Resolution No. 2026-04 – approval to participate in CalPERS 457 Plan

Staff provided a brief background of the CalPERS 457 Plan which offers employees the opportunity to defer a portion of their compensation on a pre-tax basis, with a wide range of investment options and low administrative costs. Participation is voluntary, and all District employees will be eligible to participate.

MOTION: Director Evans moved to adopt Resolution No. 2026-04 approving adoption of CalPERS 457 Plan, authorizing the General Manager to execute the Employer Adoption Agreement. Director Hart seconded, and the motion carries by the following vote:

Ayes: J. Feriani, D. Evans, J. Hart, and W. Waters (4)
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: N. Ohler

6. Staff Reports

a) Operations/Collection System Report by Ben Kikugawa

Mr. Kikugawa provided an Operations/Collection System Report for the month of April 2026, and responded to questions.

b) District General Manager Report by Jeff Cooley

- CA Department of Finance Prop 1 Grant Audit of TCSD Grants
- Sewer System Management Plan
- Municipal Service Review Report Draft Received
- Phase 2 Project Completion Report

7. Discussion/Action: The formation of a Tuolumne Township Community Service District (20 mins max)

No comments.

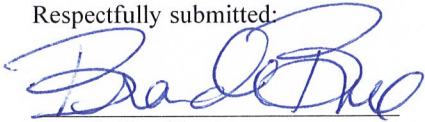
8. Directors Comments

President Feriani reported his attendance at the Carter Cemetery District meeting held May 4, 2026, and provided information on the property next to their property. Update provided on LAFCo meeting regarding TCSD & TPRD MSR's. The next MSR's will be on special districts fire.

Director Waters stated the rate increase was necessary, and he wished protestors would attend meetings.

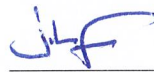
9. President Feriani adjourned the meeting at 6:40 PM

Respectfully submitted:



Brenda Bonillo
District Secretary

Approved:



John Feriani
Board President

